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Organization of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development

Note by the Secretary-General

I. Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 63/225, decided to hold a high-level dialogue on international migration and development during its sixty-eighth session, in 2013. Subsequently, in its resolution 65/170, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to its sixty-seventh session on the organizational details of the 2013 high-level dialogue.

2. At its sixty-seventh session, in its resolution 67/219, the General Assembly decided to hold the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development on 3 and 4 October 2013, after the general debate of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly, at Headquarters.

3. In the same resolution, the General Assembly decided that the overall theme of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development would be "Identifying concrete measures to strengthen coherence and cooperation at all levels, with a view to enhancing the benefits of international migration for migrants and countries alike and its important links to development, while reducing its negative implications".

4. In its resolution 67/219, the General Assembly also decided that the High-level Dialogue would consist of four plenary meetings and four interactive multi-stakeholder round tables and decided on the organization and themes for the four round tables.

5. Recognizing the importance of the contribution of civil society to the preparatory process for the High-level Dialogue, the General Assembly decided to hold one-day informal interactive hearings in 2013 with representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector.

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6. The General Assembly invited the President of the General Assembly, with the assistance of the Secretariat and with support from interested Member States, entities of the United Nations system and other stakeholders, to organize, prior to the High-level Dialogue, a panel discussion with a focus on its overall theme. The panel discussion, which was held on 25 June 2013, featured leading experts on international migration as well as senior representatives of key institutional stakeholders, including the United Nations, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Global Forum on Migration and Development and civil society. A note on the panel discussion was distributed by the President of the General Assembly.

7. The General Assembly also invited the regional commissions and their subregional offices, in collaboration with other relevant entities of the United Nations system, IOM and its Council, to organize discussions to examine regional aspects of international migration and development and to provide inputs, in accordance with their respective mandates, to the preparatory process for the High-level Dialogue.

8. The General Assembly further invited Member States, through appropriate regional consultative processes and, as appropriate, within other major initiatives in the field of international migration and development, including the Global Forum on Migration and Development, to contribute to the high-level dialogue.

9. In addition, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare a note on the organization of work of the High-level Dialogue. The present note is submitted in response to that request.

II. Organizational arrangements

A. Plenary meetings

10. The High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development will consist of four plenary meetings, as follows:

Thursday, 3 October 2013:	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
	3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday, 4 October 2013:	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
	3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

11. At the opening of the plenary meeting on Thursday morning, 3 October, introductory statements will be made by the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General, an eminent person in the field of migration and development and a migrant.

12. The High-level Dialogue will be open to the participation of: Member States; the Holy See and the State of Palestine, in their capacity as observer States; the European Union, in its capacity as observer; all relevant entities of the United Nations system and relevant special rapporteurs and representatives, as well as IOM; and other relevant international organizations having received a standing invitation to

participate as observers in the work of the General Assembly. Participation will be in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

13. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/219, Member States and observers are invited to participate in the High-level Dialogue at the highest possible level.

14. Pursuant to paragraph eight of the same resolution, the President of the General Assembly will draw up a list of representatives of relevant intergovernmental organizations and entities who may participate in the High-level Dialogue, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation, and will submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration in accordance with past practice.

15. In addition, the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member Sates, will draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and private sector entities who may participate in the High-level Dialogue, on the basis of recommendations by the Secretary-General in respect of their specific expertise and involvement in international migration and development issues, taking into account geographical representation. The list was considered by the Member States on a non-objection basis prior to the hearings.

16. Representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations and the private sector, one from each grouping having been selected during the informal interactive hearings, will be included by the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, in the list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the High-level Dialogue, time permitting.

17. In order to accommodate all the speakers, statements will be limited to four minutes, on the understanding that that would not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.

18. Summaries of the deliberations of the four round-table sessions will be presented orally by the chairs of the round tables during the concluding plenary meeting of the High-level Dialogue (see also para. 23 below). The Special Representative of the Secretary-General on international migration and development will also be invited to speak. The President of the General Assembly will close the meeting.

B. Interactive round tables

19. The High-level Dialogue will hold four interactive round tables, as follows:

Thursday, 3 October 2013:	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Round table 1:	Assessing the effects of international migration on sustainable development and identifying relevant priorities in view of the preparation of the post-2015 development framework.

Thursday, 3 October 2013:	3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Round table 2:	Measures to ensure respect for and protection of the human rights of all migrants, with particular reference to women and children, as well as to prevent and combat the smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons and to ensure orderly, regular and safe migration.
Friday, 4 October 2013:	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Round table 3:	Strengthening partnerships and cooperation on international migration, mechanisms to effectively integrate migration into development policies and promoting coherence at all levels.
Friday, 4 October 2013:	3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Round table 4:	International and regional labour mobility and its impact on development.

20. Each of the four round tables will be co-chaired by two representatives, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly, with due regard for geographical balance, in consultation with regional groups.

21. The President of the Assembly, in consultation with Member States, will determine the list of representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations and the private sector who can participate in each of the round tables of the High-level Dialogue, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation.

22. In order to encourage an interactive, dynamic debate, the round tables may include a panel of key stakeholders, including representatives of Member States, and interventions from the floor. An information of note with details on the organization of work and modalities for participation in the four round tables will be disseminated ahead of the High-level Dialogue.

23. Summaries of the deliberations of the four round-table sessions will be presented orally by the chairs of the round tables during the concluding plenary meeting of the High-level Dialogue (see also para. 18 above).

24. The round tables will be closed to the media and the general public.